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THE LEGAL AID SERVICES SOCIETY OF MANITOBA
Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2003

The Honourable Gord Mackintosh
Minister of Justice
Attorney General
Room 104 - Legislative Building
Winnipeg MB R3C 0V8

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Section 28 of the Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba Act, I am pleased to submit the Thirty-first Annual Report for the Society for the year ending March 31, 2003.

Detailed statistical information relating to clients, cases and costs is included. The report of the Auditor General and financial statements are attached. Also included is the Audited Statement of Compensation Paid to Board Members and Employees and the Statement of Private Bar Fees and Disbursements in excess of \$50,000 in accordance with Section 2 and 4 of The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bill Armstrong
A/Chairperson
Board of Directors

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THE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

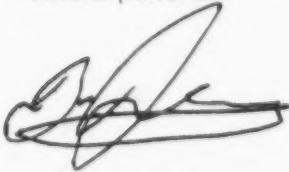
Throughout the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003, the Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba has provided comprehensive, quality legal advice and services to individuals, groups and organizations who are unable to pay for a portion or all of the legal aid provided to them. The Board of Directors of the Society is once again pleased to recognize that the Society is able to maintain its high standard of service due to sound governance, and the excellent effort, knowledge and skill of both management and staff.

As of March 31, 2003 the Board of Directors were as follows:

Marlene Campbell
George Pelletier
Ivan Moose
Diane Dzydz
Rob Dewar
Wendy Whitecloud

Grace Buhr
Bill Armstrong
Lori Ferguson Sain
Dennis Troniak
Marietta Pelletieri

I would like to thank all private bar lawyers and all staff whose contribution allows many Manitobans to have assistance in their time of need. A special thanks to Mr. McNeilly, Ms Keller and other members of administration who have made my role of Acting Chairperson an enjoyable experience.

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Bill Armstrong
Acting/Chairperson

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This past fiscal year has been one of continuous changes and challenges. Demands for services increased not only in the mainstream areas of coverage but also in areas of specialized services, such as poverty law areas; special services in aboriginal rights cases; duty counsel work in domestic violence matters and an increase in overall demand for services in domestic matters. These increasing demands are placing added burdens on an already overworked staff, as well as on the diminishing private bar who undertake certificate work.

The continued support and dedication of all staff and Board of Directors allows Legal Aid Manitoba to meet the challenges presented and ensures that we continue to provide effective, efficient and cost productive legal services.

The Board of Directors and staff of Legal Aid Manitoba wish our departing Chair, Dave Schioler, all the best as he moves to undertake new initiatives.

Some significant developments and highlights:

1. Gord McKinnon was appointed Chair of Legal Aid Manitoba in June 2002, replacing Dave Schioler who resigned as Chair in April 2002, after five years to undertake other challenges.
2. The Board of Directors experienced some changes in its composition. Leaving were: Brian Preston, Barb Filuk, Roger Kane, and Vic Bargaen.

We wish to thank these members for their dedication in making Legal Aid Manitoba the best Plan possible.

3. We welcome the following new directors:
Wendy Whitecloud, George Pelletier, Ivan Moose and Dennis Troniak.
4. Our movement into collaborative law continues. Staff lawyers undertook 1200 such cases with a high degree of success.
5. We concluded our office amalgamation process with the Child Protection office being amalgamated with the Family Law office.
6. The Child Protection Duty Counsel Project ended March 31, 2003. The final evaluation report is being completed. All indications are that the project was very successful. We hope to continue providing service through duty counsel subject to new funding.
7. A tariff review committee composed of representatives from the family and criminal private bar and legal Aid was struck to undertake a review of the tariff.

8. We have begun the development of a big case management project to identify, budget for and monitor cases that substantially exceed the limits of a standard criminal certificate.
9. The government provided new funding to increase the tariff by \$1.5M for criminal matters and \$800,000 for domestic matters. This tariff increase resulted in the hourly rate being increased to \$53 per hour.
10. After assessing the domestic contract project using eleven private bar lawyers, it was decided not to renew contracts beyond the initial two years.

Summary:

We continue to provide services to 76,343 people a year and we continue to do so with a mix of staff and private bar lawyers. Even with the changing legal environment, more complex cases, increase in demand for services, the quality of service continues to be high due to the dedication of our staff and the private bar as well as the continued support of our funders.

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Gerry K. McNeilly
Executive Director

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTRE

The mandate of the Public Interest Law Centre is to represent groups and organizations on public interest and low income issues of law. The Centre also takes individual test cases when issues of public importance are presented which affect a broad class of persons. In order to maximize the service provided, the Centre carries a mixed portfolio of cases and projects, with an emphasis on equality rights, the environment, aboriginal issues, social welfare and public services, and consumer matters.

This year saw important progress in a number of cases initiated by the Centre. The right of prisoners to vote in federal elections was affirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada after almost a decade of litigation. Still ongoing is the issue of denial of equal access to the medical profession for internationally trained medical graduates. While the Human Rights Commission continues to have carriage of the complaint, the Province of Manitoba made an important concession by introducing a conditional licensing scheme that no longer discriminates based upon place of origin. Last year, the doors of opportunity creaked open for ten new doctors who had long sought equitable access to the profession.

Unfortunately, the Federal Government successfully appealed a decision which had accepted our arguments that the *Employment Insurance Act* discriminates against women. The case drew national attention to the systemic difficulties faced by mothers juggling work and home in accessing employment insurance benefits.

The Centre continued to be active in defending the rights of public utility consumers. In 2002, Manitoba consumers received a one time only surplus dividend which reduced auto insurance rates by \$80 million. Consumers will also enjoy a \$6 million rate reduction in 2003/04. Counsel from the Centre played a lead role in the recent Hydro rate review before Manitoba's Public Utility Board and in the development of a national consumer Bill of Rights which is currently being considered by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission.

Of particular note for the future is a test case which advances the proposition that there is unextinguished aboriginal title in Manitoba. If successful, the case will dramatically affect our understanding of the early Treaties and could offer material opportunities for resource development and harvesting for a number of Manitoba First Nations.

Staff from the Centre also continue to work closely with staff from other Legal Aid offices on social benefit and constitutional issues.

The Centre appreciates the Manitoba Law Foundation's continued provision of core funding. Self generated revenues, including cost recoveries, client contributions, litigation grants and donations from members of the Manitoba Bar Association under the *Pro Bono* Public Interest Project, exceeded \$500,000, separate and apart from Law Foundation support. Under the *Pro Bono* project, a number of lawyers took on test

cases without fee, donated their legal aid billings, or made cash donations. At the Bar Mid-Winter meeting, Chief Justice Richard Scott presented the *Pro Bono* recognition award to Campbell Wright of Pitblado for his significant contribution as trial counsel in a Constitutional challenge to *ex parte* under the *Domestic Violence and Stalking Prevention Act*. The intent of this litigation was to ensure that the regime which protects victims also respects the due process rights of respondents. Thus, the Centre has continued to generate a substantial amount of revenue and donated services, allowing for the continued provision of broad public interest legal representation with minimal cost to the general legal aid budget. The Centre had a negative net income of \$16,000 in 2002/03.

In March 2003, the Centre bid a reluctant farewell to Arne Peltz, its guiding spirit since its inception in 1982. Arne demonstrated unmatched imagination and an unwavering commitment to promoting the cause of equality and the rule of law. Despite limited financial resources, he materially advanced the legal and social rights of many groups including the physically and mentally disabled, social assistance recipients, aboriginal peoples, consumers and prisoners.

Thanks Arne. The dream lives.

The Staff of the Public Interest Law Centre

FAMILY LAW OFFICE

The Family Law Office, including the Poverty Law Office, is located at 308 - 294 Portage Avenue in Winnipeg.

The former Child Protection Law Office is located at 416 - 294 Portage Avenue. Effective June 29, 2002, the name was changed to the Child Protection Unit and it became part of the Family Law Office.

Ultimately, the Child Protection Unit will move from the fourth floor of 294 Portage to the third floor, co-locating with the rest of the Family Law Office. We hope that building renovations to accommodate this move will commence in the fall of 2003.

The combined Family Law Office has one supervising attorney.

The domestic law component of the Family Law Office consists of nine lawyers (seven are civil service staff and two are on contract), two paralegals, two articling students and nine support staff. The Poverty Law Office has two lawyers, being the supervising attorney and a contract lawyer, and shares two of the aforementioned support staff. At the Child Protection Unit, there are three lawyers (one staff and two contract), two paralegals, one articling student and two support staff.

We have had a number of significant personnel changes among the lawyers this year. We anticipate that this will have settled down and all available positions will have been filled by fall 2003.

On the domestic law side, we are still attempting to move towards an emphasis on Collaborative Law. In the last year, we have faced such challenges as the implementation of Family Division Case Management and amendments to Court of Queen's Bench Rule 70.

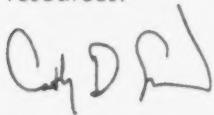
In the Child Protection Unit, the Full Service Duty Counsel project launched in February 2002 has been successful and is continuing.

The Poverty Law Office looks forward to the outcome of the review of the Public Interest Law Centre that has been undertaken by the Legal Aid Board of Directors, as one of the issues is how public and poverty law should be coordinated among the Poverty Law Office, Public Interest Law Centre and Aboriginal Centre Law Office.

As an office comprised of three sub-units, we maintain a mixed portfolio of cases - domestic, child welfare, administrative and civil. We provide an extremely broad range of service and therefore, employ a variety of service delivery methods, each designed to meet the specific needs of clients.

In January 2003, Legal Aid Manitoba made changes to its coverage in domestic and civil matters. These impacted significantly on all three components of the Family Law Office in terms of the types and volume of

cases we handle. We are continuing to adapt as best we can with limited resources.



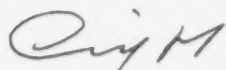
Cathy D. Sherman
Supervising Attorney

DROP IN CENTRE

All drop-ins in the City of Winnipeg are seen at the Drop-In Centre located at 416-294 Portage Avenue. The Drop-In Centre is open from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday every week.

The workload is evenly shared among the legal aid staff of all the Winnipeg offices. The staff providing the service at our Drop-in Centre consists of lawyers, paralegals, articling students and intake officers. Each day that the Drop-In Centre is open, four staff members are drawn on rotation from these other offices to provide service. Present each of the three afternoons are one lawyer, one paralegal, one articling student and one intake officer. This staff configuration ensures that there is at least one staff person available to cover every possible need or request as clients attend the Drop-In Centre for a variety of reasons (e.g. for advice, for information, to complete legal aid applications, etc.).

Although demand is high and the pace each afternoon is busy, the centralization of Winnipeg drop-ins in one location has improved the quality, efficiency and convenience of this service. Any person who wants informal advice from Legal Aid Manitoba in Winnipeg can get it on the day that they come in looking for it.



Gil Clifford
Director of Operations

CRIMINAL LAW OFFICE

The Criminal Law Office is located at 514 St. Mary Avenue in Winnipeg and serves all criminal courts in the city. A substantial portion of the office workload involves providing duty counsel services in adult and youth courts at the Law Courts Building and Manitoba Youth Center. Duty counsel services are provided in intake courts, bail courts, drug court and waive in court. As well lawyers within the office maintain case-loads and conduct trials and appeals at all court levels in Winnipeg. Services are provided by 17 lawyers, 2 articling students, 3 paralegals, 7 support staff and two summer students.

The Criminal Office also serves as duty counsel at a number of circuit points outside of Winnipeg including Fisher Branch, Garden Hill, Lundar, Portage la Prairie, Powerview, Steinbach and St. Theresa Point. The lawyers that provide these services also maintain caseloads in relation to individuals appearing in these circuit courts.

Inmates at Headingley Correctional Institution and Stony Mountain Correctional Institution are also served through the provision of drop in advice and representation at administrative hearings within the institutions. Patients in mental health facilities are also served through the provision of general advice as well as representation before mental health tribunals.

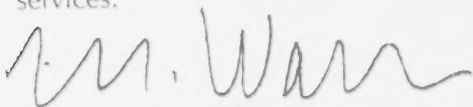
The Criminal Law Office provides a 24 on-call custody advice service which is staffed by Legal Aid staff lawyers, articling students and private bar lawyers on a contract basis.

The Criminal Law Office was created through the amalgamation of the Broadway Community Law Office and the Criminal Trial Center in January of 2002. Amalgamation of these two offices represented an opportunity to improve services and to create efficiencies. While the amalgamation has had these desired results, we continue to work to make the office more efficient and to improve the services that we provide.

The Criminal Law Office currently has a number of initiatives underway which include changes in the work assignments of lawyers designed to address problems created by overspecialization while at the same time maintaining efficiencies. Initiatives are also underway to change the role of paralegal staff within the office and to improve the articling student program.

Individual lawyers in the office continue to serve the community through membership on non profit boards, through community legal education activities and by volunteering at the University of Manitoba Law School.

The past year has been one of adjustment and change for the staff of the Criminal Law Office. During this time the staff have continued to provide quality legal services in an environment of ever increasing demand services.

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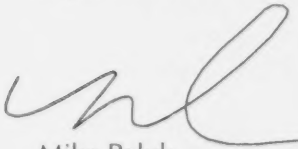
Michael Walker
Supervising Attorney

ABORIGINAL CENTRE LAW OFFICE

The Aboriginal Centre Law Office employs two lawyers, two paralegals and one administrative assistant. It accepts cases involving legal issues that are of particular interest and concern to Aboriginal people. It offers non-adversarial, consensus building and restorative approaches to the resolution of legal issues in a manner consistent with the values and traditions of Aboriginal people. Some of the cases at the centre involve issues pertaining to civil rights, policing, Aboriginal rights, band governance, treaty status, and social services. In the past year, the centre acted as counsel at the Supreme Court of Canada with respect to an issue of Metis hunting rights and in the Federal Court of Appeal with respect to an issue of band governance. The Centre provides a significant amount of telephone / drop-in advice and information, informal advocacy and community outreach. It is also a point of intake for many Aboriginal people who apply for legal aid assistance in criminal and domestic matters.

During the past year fiscal exigencies within the larger organization meant that the centre handled an increased number of criminal and domestic certificate cases than in previous years and fewer new special interest cases were commenced as compared to previous years. We continued to develop working partnerships with Aboriginal community organizations in efforts to address fundamental issues of justice within the Aboriginal community. The loss of a paralegal from our staff complement during the year however impacted the amount of work in this area.

Our goals over the next year include revitalizing the staff complement to enable the centre to service the increasing demand at intake for representation in domestic cases, to improve the centre's legal research capabilities and to handle more civil rights issues.



Mike Paluk
Supervising Attorney

WESTMAN COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

The Brandon Office services south western Manitoba with a largely rural population. The region is prosperous. The population base has been more or less stable but, given the booming service economy largely caused by the Maple Leaf Hog Plant, the capacity of this office has been reached and, indeed, exceeded. Services are provided by the supervising attorney, three staff lawyers, a paralegal, two intake workers and three support staff. A substantial and ever increasing portion of the office's efforts are devoted to area director activities, but the majority of the efforts are still directed to providing legal services to Legal Aid clients and client groups.

The office provides Duty Counsel services to the three Brandon Courts, being adult, youth and drug, Russell, Rossburn, Minnedosa, Virden, Neepawa, Waywayseecappo, Boissevain, Killarney and Child Protection Court on a regular basis. Duty Counsel service to the other out-lying courts is provided on an as-needed basis.

The office also provides informal advice on a regular basis. Callers wishing a consultation with a lawyer receive telephone advice on the day on which they call. If follow up work is required, the lawyer will make an appointment for the person very shortly. Callers wishing to apply for Legal Aid, whether through this office or with a specific choice of counsel can usually obtain an appointment with one of the Intake Workers within a matter of days for that purpose. All four lawyers accept emergency telephone calls after hours and take whatever action is required in response, such as attending to the police station, RCMP Detachments, Brandon Correctional Institute or Centre for Adult Psychiatry.

Our agreement with the Westman Women's Shelter continues in effect. Residents of that shelter are guaranteed an almost immediate intake interview with either a Paralegal or a lawyer, either at the shelter or at this office, at their option. We have found that most residents of the shelter prefer to attend to this office.

On an informal basis, office staff continue their participation in community and board activities.

The Westman Community Law Centre has just completed a move, as of April, 2003, to new office space which was built to our specifications. This office space is next door to the Brandon Courthouse. Therefore, we expect not only to be productive but to increase productivity. The Law Centre is a "Community Law Centre" in that, in conjunction with its role of Area office, it functions to service the needs of those in the community most needing those services. The majority of criminal, youth and family matters are handled by lawyers at the request of our clients. Almost all non-request matters are handled by staff lawyers in the absence of conflicts. We expect to be able to keep pace with the rising demand in Western Manitoba.



Lorne Giesbrecht
Area Director/Supervisory Attorney

PARKLANDS COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

Parklands Community Law Centre, based in Dauphin, serves west central Manitoba.

With a staff of eight that includes the Area Director, her administrative assistant, two lawyers, two paralegals, and two support staff, we provide a range of legal services to people who live in a broad geographic area. Besides maintaining full caseloads of traditional legal work, we offer extensive duty counsel assistance in ten criminal and seven family courts. These include three child protection and two maintenance enforcement courts. We provide formal representation before the Social Services Advisory Appeal Board and the Mental Health Review Board. In addition, we provide informal advocacy work against bureaucracies and in debtor/creditor situations.

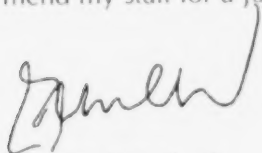
Our part of Manitoba is a challenging one in which to provide legal aid service. Transportation is an issue for many of our clients who live in remote and isolated rural areas. Many cannot make it to see us in Dauphin. Much of our work therefore involves extensive travel. Because some of our clients do not have access to modern modes of telecommunication, our work can at times be very challenging.

Although the private bar strike of early 2003 did not hit us with the same ferocious impact as in the City of Winnipeg, the fact that fewer and fewer private bar lawyers are willing to accept legal aid family work continues to cause us to struggle with the placement of these cases in our region. Because of this, we have attempted to be innovative by making efforts to encourage resolution of family law issues through the new "Collaborative Law" approach. It has seen some measure of success and we are hopeful that this will be for us a growing field of successful and efficient resolution of domestic conflict.

In the past year, we have expanded drop-in service clinics in our region. In addition to the clinics we have historically maintained in Swan River, Camperville, and Roblin, we now provide a regular clinic at the Ebb and Flow First Nation. It has been very successful. We have also recently opened two new clinics, one at the Lake Manitoba First Nation and the other at the Sandy Bay First Nation. Initial response has been very positive. We continue to be available to all other communities in our area for clinics on an "expressed need" basis.

We make concerted efforts to do outreach work in the communities we serve. We consider this work to be important. Not only does it increase our visibility, but we view it also to be an opportunity to advocate for attention in areas that are of concern to the poor. We are available for school, community, and service group presentations. Several of our staff are involved in the board work of various social service organizations in our area. Staff are involved in legal education activities in schools. We are involved in several charitable campaigns in support of the poor.

Our staff continues to show commitment to providing top notch legal work for the poor and working poor of the Parkland Region. I commend my staff for a job well done.



Therese Koturbash
Area Director
Parkland Community Law Centre

NORTHLANDS COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

Northlands Community Law Centre in The Pas, provides legal aid services to The Pas and surrounding communities. Staff consists of three lawyers, one paralegal, one articling student and two full time secretaries plus a half-time secretary.

We have had some major changes in the Northlands Community Law Centre since the fall of 2002. Two staff lawyers left for Alberta. We are very pleased to announce that two new attorneys were hired who bring exceptional skills and moxie to our office. Both have adapted very well to the challenges faced in The Pas and the circuits that the Northlands Community Law Centre is responsible for.

One of the new staff lawyers received her call in 1999 after articling with Legal Aid in The Pas and then practising privately, mostly family law, in Brandon.

The second new staff lawyer, received his call in 1995, having articulated with Walsh, Micay and Company entering private practice for several years, leaving for a short while and now is back continuing the good fight.

By the time you read this, we will also have an articling student. He will be starting in the first week of July, 2003.

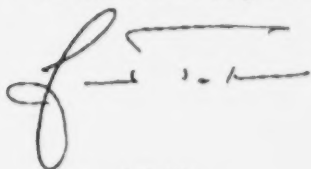
Staff attend Provincial Court (Criminal and Family) and Youth Court as Duty Counsel on a regular basis at the following locations: Pukatawagan, Flin Flon, Cranberry Portage, Snow Lake, Moose Lake, The Pas, Easterville and Grand Rapids. In addition, staff attend Queen's Bench Criminal and Family court in both The Pas and Flin Flon. Staff also appear in front of tribunals from time to time including the Licence Suspension Appeal Board, Social Assistance Appeal Board, Residential Tenancies Board and the Disciplinary Board at The Pas Correctional Institute.

With the addition of our Cree-English bilingual paralegal in 1997, this has enhanced the office's visibility and effectiveness with respect to our First Nations work.

The office at The Pas is open from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday and provides advice and assistance on a drop-in basis whenever staff are available. The domestic lawyer attends at the local crisis shelter on an as-needed basis. In addition, a drop-in clinic is held at The Pas Correctional Institute on a weekly basis by the student to provide services to both sentenced prisoners and remand prisoners. Drop-in and Advice clinics are held at most circuit locations on a regular basis, normally in conjunction with Court. In addition, the paralegal also attends Pukatawagon on a monthly basis.

The office has fully modernized its computer system and is now networked with the main office in Winnipeg. The office is also intra-office networked.

The criminal law lawyers have met their objectives of dealing with all non-request legal aid applications and also being choice of counsel on a frequent basis. A strong level of service is offered through both the certificate and (regular and expanded) duty counsel programs.



Leonard Tailleux
Supervising Attorney

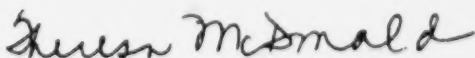
THOMPSON COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

The Thompson Community Law Centre serves the City of Thompson and 14 other communities. We have a Supervising Attorney/Area Director, 4 staff lawyers, 3 paralegals and 3 and fi support staff. We offer service in English, Cree and French. We continue to offer weekly drop-ins in the communities of Thompson, Norway House, Cross Lake and Nelson House. Drop-ins are held in other communities as the demand requires.

We welcome one new legal staff member and one support staff person.

Our greatest challenge continues to be trying to provide proper services to enormous numbers of people over a huge geographical area.

Area Director functions cover Thompson, The Pas, Flin Flon and 19 other northern communities.



Theresa McDonald
Supervising Attorney/Area Director

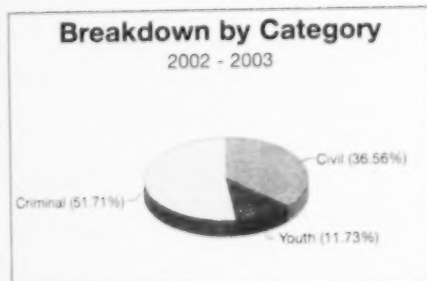
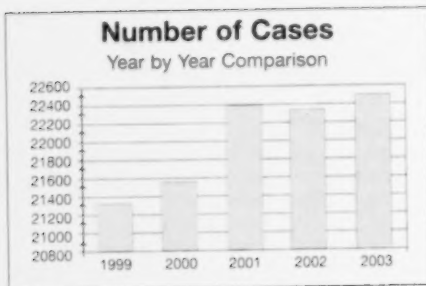
Legal Aid Case Volume History

For the Year Ended March 31, 2003
(with the 2002 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

Area	Certificates and Certificate Equivalents Issues			Total
	Civil	Criminal	Youth	
Brandon	598 (678)	429 (483)	62 (98)	1,089 (1,259)
Dauphin	457 (527)	393 (389)	96 (88)	946 (1,004)
The Pas & Thompson	770 (822)	1,041 (1,059)	155 (206)	1,966 (2,087)
Winnipeg	5,998 (6,347)	5,532 (5,736)	1,231 (1,085)	12,761 (13,168)
Certificate Equivalents	403 (170)	4,239 (3,249)	1,094 (1,405)	5,736 (4,824)
Provincial Total	8,226 (8,544)	11,634 (10,916)	2,638 (2,882)	22,498 (22,342)

Total Case Historical Comparison (including certificates and certificate equivalents):

Year ended March 31, 2003	22,498
Year ended March 31, 2002	22,342
Year ended March 31, 2001	22,380
Year ended March 31, 2000	21,572
Year ended March 31, 1999	21,342



Legal Aid Activity by Area

For the Year Ended March 31, 2003
(with the 2002 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

Area	Applications for Legal Aid Certificates	Applications Refused	Certificates Issued			Certificates Cancelled	Persons Assisted by Duty Counsel
			Civil	Criminal	Youth		
Brandon	1,320 (1,450)	289 (272)	598 (678)	429 (483)	62 (98)	128 (156)	3,419 (3,367)
Dauphin	1,106 (1,175)	165 (141)	457 (527)	393 (389)	96 (88)	79 (117)	573 (516)
The Pas & Thompson	2,089 (2,175)	164 (161)	770 (822)	1,041 (1,059)	155 (206)	139 (101)	4,101 (5,637)
Winnipeg	16,684 (16,709)	2,421 (2,378)	5,998 (6,347)	5,532 (5,736)	1,231 (1,085)	2,133 (2,790)	27,088 (25,013)
Certificate Equivalents	- -	- -	403 (170)	4,239 (3,249)	1,094 (1,405)	- -	- -
Provincial Total	21,199 (21,509)	3,039 (2,952)	8,226 (8,544)	11,634 (10,916)	2,638 (2,882)	2,479 (3,164)	35,181 (34,533)

NOTES:

1. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003 there were a total of 22,498 (22,342) certificates and certificate equivalents issued; of this total 9,127 (8,591) were assigned to staff lawyers through the following community law centres.

Winnipeg	- Family Law Office (a)	1,543	(1,430)
	- Criminal Law Office (b)	3,468	(3,218)
	- Child Protection	487	(455)
	- Aboriginal	118	(34)
Westman		960	(990)
Parklands		855	(778)
Northlands		548	(530)
Thompson		1,148	(1,156)
		<u>9,127</u>	<u>(8,591)</u>

Certificate equivalents are originated at the community law centre level and do not proceed through the normal application process. All normal certificate work may be handled through a certificate equivalent except for trial. Certificate Equivalents were previously reported as non-certificate files.

(a) The Family Law Office includes the former Family Law, Main Street and Poverty Law offices

(b) The Criminal Law Office includes the former Criminal Trial Centre and the Broadway Youth & Adult offices

Private Bar / Staff Breakdown

2002 - 2003



Private Bar / Staff Breakdown

2001 - 2002



2. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003 there was a total of 35,181 (34,533) people assisted by Duty Counselling Services; of this total 32,050 (32,548) were assisted by staff lawyers through the following community law centres.

Winnipeg	- Family Law Office	1,430	(1,517)
	- Criminal Law Office	22,535	(21,679)
	- Child Protection	897	(923)
	- Aboriginal	1	(2)
Westman		3,371	(3,332)
Parklands		561	(498)
Northlands		1,358	(1,395)
Thompson		1,897	(3,202)
		<u>32,050</u>	<u>(32,548)</u>

3. For the year ended March 31, 2003 3,039 (14.3%) of the applications for Legal Aid were refused as compared to 2,952 (13.7%) in the previous year.

4. For the year ended March 31, 2003 there was a total of 18,664 (17,310) telephone and drop-in inquiries. The following represents the breakdown by community law centre.

Winnipeg	- Administration	1,638	(1,632)
	- Family Law Office	2,119	(2,121)
	- Criminal Law Office	2,953	(3,077)
	- Child Protection	576	(372)
	- Aboriginal	1,212	(1,131)
	- University	475	(868)
Westman		3,185	(2,350)
Parklands		3,359	(3,288)
Northlands		891	(759)
Thompson		2,256	(1,712)
		<u>18,664</u>	<u>(17,310)</u>

5. For the year ended March 31, 2003 there was a total of 76,343 (74,185) people assisted either on a formal or informal basis, an increase of 2.9% (1.6%) over the previous year.

A Certificates and certificate equivalents	22,498	(22,342)
B Duty counsel	35,181	(34,533)
C Telephone and drop-in inquiries	18,664	(17,310)
Total	<u>76,343</u>	<u>(74,185)</u>

People Assisted Breakdown

2002 - 2003



People Assisted Breakdown

2001 - 2002



**Analysis of Certificates Issued
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(with the 2002 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

Certificate Classification	Private Bar	Law Centres	Totals
CRIMINAL ADULT			
Murder	38 (46)	1 (7)	39 (53)
Attempt Murder	18 (25)	2 (2)	20 (27)
Manslaughter	7 (9)	2 (Nil)	9 (9)
Sexual Assault - A	11 (10)	1 (2)	12 (12)
Sexual Assault - Indictable	211 (198)	38 (49)	249 (247)
Assault - B	191 (155)	12 (23)	203 (178)
Robbery	328 (336)	22 (28)	350 (364)
Cause Harm/Death	34 (51)	5 (7)	39 (58)
Other Sexual Offences - B	60 (61)	8 (14)	68 (75)
Arson	49 (42)	6 (6)	55 (48)
Narcotics - B	254 (232)	37 (51)	291 (283)
Incest	1 (2)	1 (Nil)	2 (2)
Sexual Assault - Summary	50 (42)	9 (13)	59 (55)
Miscellaneous - B	12 (20)	1 (3)	13 (23)
Other Sexual Offences - C	13 (10)	5 (2)	18 (12)
Break, Enter	663 (665)	44 (78)	707 (743)
Possess Weapon Dangerous to Public Peace	122 (168)	13 (16)	135 (184)
Theft - Indictable	110 (86)	8 (19)	118 (105)
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Indictable	87 (67)	1 (6)	88 (73)
Forgery/Uttering	57 (78)	6 (12)	63 (90)
Fraud - Indictable	37 (34)	2 (7)	39 (41)
False Pretences - Indictable	3 (3)	Nil (Nil)	3 (3)

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Certificate Classification	Private Bar	Law Centres	Totals
Mischief	148 (170)	9 (22)	157 (192)
U.A.L./Escape	45 (48)	Nil (2)	45 (50)
Other Weapons Offences - C	73 (47)	2 (12)	75 (59)
Set Fire to Substance	Nil (1)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (1)
Communication for the Purpose	27 (56)	Nil (Nil)	27 (56)
Other Narcotics - C	68 (82)	7 (23)	75 (105)
M.V.O. - Federal	232 (225)	47 (50)	279 (275)
Uttering Threats	317 (346)	29 (50)	346 (396)
Obstruction	49 (51)	4 (9)	53 (60)
Breach Probation	633 (590)	24 (43)	657 (633)
Fraud - Summary	46 (72)	4 (10)	50 (82)
False Pretences - Summary	18 (9)	Nil (1)	18 (10)
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Summary	47 (72)	3 (4)	50 (76)
Theft - Summary	349 (330)	25 (30)	374 (360)
Other Breach and F.T.A.	385 (383)	16 (14)	401 (397)
Assault - C	1,733 (1,613)	196 (305)	1,929 (1,918)
M.V.O. - Provincial	13 (15)	Nil (6)	13 (21)
Other Federal Offences	121 (106)	17 (22)	138 (128)
Other Provincial Offences	12 (17)	4 (3)	16 (20)
Parole/Prison Law	24 (46)	4 (9)	28 (55)
Appeals - Client	53 (55)	13 (8)	66 (63)
Appeals - Crown	4 (11)	Nil (2)	4 (13)
Junior Counsel	12 (10)	2 (2)	14 (12)
	6,765 (6,695)	630 (972)	7,395 (7,667)

**Analysis of Certificates Issued
For the Year Ended March 31, 2003**
(with the 2002 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

Certificate Classification	Private Bar	Law Centres	Totals
CRIMINAL YOUTH			
Murder	2 (2)	2 (Nil)	4 (2)
Attempt Murder	3 (6)	1 (Nil)	4 (6)
Manslaughter	1 (2)	Nil (Nil)	1 (2)
Sexual Assault - A	1 (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	1 (Nil)
Sexual Assault - Indictable	19 (14)	3 (7)	22 (21)
Assault - B	25 (26)	2 (1)	27 (27)
Robbery	146 (146)	12 (2)	158 (148)
Cause Harm/Death	8 (1)	Nil (1)	8 (2)
Other Sexual Offences - B	7 (10)	1 (Nil)	8 (10)
Arson	21 (23)	4 (9)	25 (32)
Narcotics - B	24 (33)	2 (1)	26 (34)
Incest	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
Sexual Assault - Summary	9 (8)	1 (5)	10 (13)
Miscellaneous - B	3 (1)	Nil (1)	3 (2)
Other Sexual Offences - C	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
Break, Enter	281 (308)	29 (19)	310 (327)
Possess Weapon Dangerous to Public Peace	33 (39)	5 (4)	38 (43)
Theft - Indictable	104 (78)	2 (3)	106 (81)
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Indictable	33 (33)	2 (1)	35 (34)
Forgery/Uttering	4 (7)	1 (3)	5 (10)
Fraud - Indictable	1 (4)	Nil (Nil)	1 (4)
Mischief	56 (49)	13 (10)	69 (59)

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Certificate Classification	Private Bar	Law Centres	Totals
U.A.L./Escape	46 (21)	1 (Nil)	47 (21)
Other Weapons Offences - C	11 (15)	Nil (Nil)	11 (15)
Communication for the Purpose	1 (2)	Nil (Nil)	1 (2)
Other Narcotics - C	24 (22)	6 (1)	30 (23)
M.V.O. - Federal	9 (17)	1 (3)	10 (20)
Uttering Threats	36 (31)	6 (2)	42 (33)
Obstruction	7 (5)	1 (1)	8 (6)
Breach Probation	16 (18)	3 (1)	19 (19)
Fraud - Summary	9 (8)	Nil (1)	9 (9)
False Pretences - Summary	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Summary	19 (30)	7 (3)	26 (33)
Theft - Summary	65 (57)	6 (2)	71 (59)
Other Breach and F.T.A.	22 (17)	3 (1)	25 (18)
Assault - C	162 (170)	20 (35)	182 (205)
M.V.O. - Provincial	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
Other Federal Offences	10 (12)	2 (1)	12 (13)
Other Provincial Offences	5 (2)	Nil (Nil)	5 (2)
Parole/Prison Law	2 (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	2 (Nil)
Youth Transfers	2 (1)	Nil (Nil)	2 (1)
Youth Reviews/Breaches	163 (120)	7 (6)	170 (126)
Appeals - Youth	8 (9)	2 (5)	10 (14)
Junior Counsel	1 (1)	Nil (Nil)	1 (1)
	1,399 (1,348)	145 (129)	1,544 (1,477)

**Analysis of Certificates Issued
For the Year Ended March 31, 2003**
(with the 2002 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

Certificate Classification	Private Bar	Law Centres	Totals
CIVIL			
Divorce	857 (929)	388 (403)	1,245 (1,332)
Separation	1,396 (1,545)	673 (604)	2,069 (2,149)
Variation: Maintenance/Enforcement	632 (741)	287 (238)	919 (979)
C.F.S.	540 (576)	180 (335)	720 (911)
Adoption	36 (41)	29 (34)	65 (75)
Parentage Proceeding	760 (735)	587 (439)	1,347 (1,174)
Immigration	179 (126)	1 (Nil)	180 (126)
Welfare Matters	8 (14)	60 (60)	68 (74)
Other Administrative	13 (25)	43 (52)	56 (77)
Landlord/Tenant	6 (12)	12 (8)	18 (20)
Appeals - Civil	21 (24)	11 (9)	32 (33)
Legal Opinions - Civil	9 (13)	9 (9)	18 (22)
Other - Civil	14 (26)	18 (44)	32 (70)
Youth Court Appointed/Amicus	44 (47)	17 (27)	61 (74)
Workers Compensation	11 (19)	8 (6)	19 (25)
Mental Health Matters	20 (15)	16 (14)	36 (29)
Estate Matters	1 (4)	1 (3)	2 (7)
Defendant - Civil Suit	10 (13)	9 (16)	19 (29)
Plaintiff - Civil Suit	1 (1)	2 (1)	3 (2)
Immigration - Adjudicator's Appointment	Nil (Nil)	Nil (1)	Nil (1)
Private Guardianship	263 (273)	150 (162)	413 (435)
Enforcement Only	9 (16)	3 (6)	12 (22)

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Certificate Classification	Private Bar	Law Centres	Totals
Variation: Access/Custody	336 (339)	88 (75)	424 (414)
Group Application	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
Disbursements Only	2 (6)	Nil (Nil)	2 (6)
Other Family	39 (168)	24 (120)	63 (288)
	5,207 (5,708)	2,616 (2,666)	7,823 (8,374)

Analysis of Completed Cases by Types of Case
(Private Bar Only)
For the Year Ended March 31, 2003
(with the 2002 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

Type of Aid	Number of Cases	Total Fees and Disbursements	Average Cost Per Case
CRIMINAL ADULT			
Murder	35 (31)	\$ 653,277 (410,743)	\$ 18,665.06 (13,249.77)
Attempt Murder	18 (23)	87,667 (99,219)	4,870.38 (4,313.87)
Manslaughter	7 (5)	55,409 (83,312)	7,915.55 (16,662.49)
Sexual Assault - A	9 (6)	35,080 (10,887)	3,897.75 (1,814.50)
Import Narcotics	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
Sexual Assault - Indictable	212 (161)	272,702 (233,047)	1,286.33 (1,447.50)
Assault - B	185 (135)	165,490 (168,673)	894.54 (1,249.43)
Robbery	282 (314)	289,215 (418,670)	1,025.59 (1,333.34)
Cause Harm/Death	41 (42)	53,795 (53,115)	1,312.08 (1,264.65)
Other Sexual Offences - B	55 (56)	57,829 (62,734)	1,051.43 (1,120.26)
Arson	45 (37)	37,914 (35,883)	842.54 (969.80)
Narcotics - B	249 (206)	240,925 (203,036)	967.57 (985.61)
Incest	Nil (Nil)	4,759 (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
Sexual Assault - Summary	43 (42)	26,432 (39,673)	614.70 (944.59)
Miscellaneous - B	15 (16)	47,138 (72,672)	3,142.56 (4,541.97)
Other Sexual Offences - C	14 (10)	56,601 (44,134)	4,042.95 (4,413.40)
Break, Enter	625 (561)	297,838 (320,645)	476.54 (571.56)
Possess Weapon Dangerous to Public Peace	141 (151)	55,187 (77,353)	391.40 (512.27)
Theft - Indictable	79 (88)	40,231 (48,488)	509.25 (551.00)
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Indictable	77 (52)	29,740 (23,562)	386.24 (453.12)
Forgery/Uttering	59 (73)	32,918 (32,080)	557.93 (439.46)
Fraud - Indictable	37 (23)	38,024 (24,292)	1,027.67 (1,056.18)

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Type of Aid	Number of Cases	Total Fees and Disbursements	Average Cost Per Case
False Pretences - Indictable	3 (2)	\$ 634 (438)	\$211.44 (219.03)
Mischief	150 (167)	52,500 (69,048)	350.00 (413.46)
U.A.L./Escape	52 (43)	15,267 (17,320)	293.60 (402.78)
Other Weapons Offences - C	68 (48)	31,377 (34,030)	461.43 (708.96)
Set Fire to Substance	Nil (1)	Nil (874)	Nil (873.76)
Communication for the Purpose	37 (44)	15,949 (16,953)	431.05 (385.30)
Other Narcotics - C	75 (84)	45,155 (63,331)	602.07 (753.95)
M.V.O. - Federal	240 (191)	84,400 (81,263)	351.67 (425.46)
Uttering Threats	314 (337)	117,272 (163,105)	373.48 (483.99)
Obstruction	50 (43)	16,770 (20,024)	335.40 (465.68)
Breach Probation	591 (495)	173,444 (174,780)	293.47 (353.09)
Fraud - Summary	47 (64)	18,305 (34,358)	389.46 (536.84)
False Pretences - Summary	13 (13)	3,215 (9,175)	247.31 (705.80)
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Summary	58 (69)	24,667 (28,333)	425.30 (410.62)
Theft - Summary	365 (299)	119,066 (105,310)	326.21 (352.21)
Other Breach and F.T.A.	362 (333)	109,362 (123,507)	302.10 (370.89)
Assault - C	1,769 (1,412)	705,153 (597,499)	398.62 (423.16)
M.V.O. - Provincial	18 (13)	4,407 (3,411)	244.81 (262.41)
Other Federal Offences	126 (103)	73,098 (107,641)	580.15 (1,045.06)
Other Provincial Offences	20 (4)	22,633 (5,508)	1,131.64 (1,376.96)
Parole/Prison Law	31 (34)	87,708 (122,207)	2,829.28 (3,594.31)
Appeals - Client	53 (47)	101,131 (181,697)	1,908.14 (3,865.89)
Appeals - Crown	5 (12)	3,058 (14,377)	611.64 (1,198.04)
Junior Counsel	10 (3)	128,552 (10,317)	12,855.17 (3,439.04)
	6,685 (5,893)	\$ 4,531,297 (4,446,725)	\$ 677.83 (754.58)

Analysis of Completed Cases by Types of Case
(Private Bar Only)
For the Year Ended March 31, 2003
(with the 2002 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

Type of Aid	Number of Cases	Total Fees and Disbursements	Average Cost Per Case
CRIMINAL YOUTH			
Murder	3 (7)	\$ 36,791 (75,939)	\$ 12,263.72 (10,848.37)
Attempt Murder	4 (5)	4,348 (6,557)	1,086.96 (1,311.34)
Manslaughter	Nil (Nil)	2,719 (3,623)	Nil (Nil)
Sexual Assault - Weapon	1 (Nil)	878 (149)	878.22 (Nil)
Import Narcotics	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
Sexual Assault - Indictable	20 (14)	21,279 (14,583)	1,063.95 (1,041.63)
Assault - B	21 (25)	16,888 (40,869)	804.17 (1,634.76)
Robbery	157 (119)	111,630 (113,785)	711.02 (956.18)
Cause Harm/Death	2 (2)	1,059 (1,659)	529.26 (829.70)
Other Sexual Offences - B	7 (9)	5,419 (6,043)	774.16 (671.43)
Arson	24 (30)	16,148 (33,566)	672.83 (1,118.86)
Narcotics - B	32 (21)	17,991 (16,229)	562.21 (772.82)
Incest	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
Sexual Assault - Summary	8 (6)	4,625 (2,422)	578.09 (403.72)
Miscellaneous - B	2 (Nil)	422 (38)	211.15 (Nil)
Other Sexual Offences - C	Nil (1)	Nil (451)	Nil (450.70)
Break, Enter	295 (242)	104,559 (100,285)	354.44 (414.40)
Possess Weapons Dangerous to Public Peace	38 (31)	18,082 (13,839)	475.84 (446.42)
Theft - Indictable	101 (61)	43,084 (24,822)	426.57 (406.92)
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Indictable	40 (24)	13,174 (11,512)	329.36 (479.66)
Forgery/Uttering	3 (6)	631 (1,444)	210.34 (240.61)
Fraud - Indictable	2 (6)	316 (2,579)	158.24 (429.88)

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Type of Aid	Number of Cases	Total Fees and Disbursements	Average Cost Per Case
Mischief	53 (40)	\$ 15,486 (13,687)	\$ 292.19 (342.17)
U.A.L./Escape	43 (23)	14,057 (7,627)	326.90 (331.62)
Other Weapons Offences	16 (12)	6,113 (4,952)	382.09 (412.65)
Communication for the Purpose	Nil (2)	Nil (501)	Nil (250.28)
Other Narcotics - C	24 (10)	9,323 (3,836)	388.48 (383.57)
M.V.O. - Federal	17 (7)	5,366 (2,898)	315.67 (414.01)
Uttering Threats	41 (24)	14,193 (7,846)	346.16 (326.93)
Obstruction	3 (4)	1,191 (1,316)	396.98 (328.90)
Breach Probation	18 (16)	4,105 (5,725)	228.03 (357.81)
Fraud - Summary	8 (9)	2,852 (2,348)	356.46 (260.87)
False Pretences - Summary	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
Possess Goods Obtained by by Crime - Summary	26 (24)	9,621 (7,442)	370.05 (310.09)
Theft - Summary	69 (56)	17,415 (16,430)	252.40 (293.40)
Other Breach and F.T.A.	17 (15)	4,006 (4,972)	235.62 (331.49)
Assault - C	152 (145)	52,372 (52,830)	344.55 (364.34)
M.V.O. - Provincial	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
Other Federal Offences	12 (13)	4,461 (3,853)	371.77 (296.39)
Other Provincial Offences	4 (1)	1,088 (165)	272.05 (165.49)
Parole/Prison Law	1 (Nil)	210 (40)	209.74 (Nil)
Youth Transfers	2 (1)	414 (393)	206.80 (393.00)
Youth Reviews/Breaches	181 (80)	43,081 (22,281)	238.01 (278.51)
Appeals - Youth	5 (6)	4,206 (5,529)	841.20 (921.45)
Junior Counsel	1	3,800	3,800
	1,453 (1,097)	\$ 633,403 (635,063)	\$ 435.93 (578.91)

Analysis of Completed Cases by Types of Case
(Private Bar Only)
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(with the 2002 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

Type of Aid	Number of Cases	Total Fees and Disbursements	Average Cost Per Case
CIVIL			
Divorce	1,030 (847)	\$ 608,999 (482,546)	\$ 591.26 (569.71)
Separation	1,529 (1,145)	808,081 (572,990)	528.50 (500.43)
Variation: Maintenance/Enforcement	769 (593)	442,258 (334,004)	575.11 (563.24)
C.F.S.	623 (479)	489,852 (381,019)	786.28 (795.45)
Adoption	39 (36)	20,660 (17,367)	529.74 (482.42)
Parentage Proceeding	721 (580)	378,337 (316,906)	524.74 (546.39)
Immigration	103 (64)	57,094 (39,864)	554.31 (622.87)
Welfare Matters	13 (18)	5,838 (2,616)	449.08 (145.32)
Other Administrative	28 (28)	10,033 (9,216)	358.31 (329.14)
Landlord/Tenant	9 (8)	6,355 (2,073)	706.15 (259.09)
Appeals - Civil	25 (24)	29,573 (17,774)	1,182.91 (740.58)
Legal Opinions - Civil	9 (12)	2,605 (4,804)	289.44 (400.33)
Other - Civil	27 (31)	17,713 (12,958)	656.05 (417.98)
Youth Court Appointed/Amicus	49 (55)	32,545 (32,268)	664.18 (586.70)
Workers Compensation	10 (5)	6,858 (3,459)	685.79 (691.89)
Mental Health Matters	14 (19)	4,203 (6,596)	300.18 (347.14)
Estate Matters	5 (2)	4,434 (1,628)	886.73 (814.22)
Defendant - Civil Suit	23 (21)	18,501 (20,425)	804.41 (972.63)
Plaintiff - Civil Suit	2 (6)	622 (9,218)	311.18 (1,536.30)
Immigration - Adjudicator's Appointment	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
Private Guardianship	275 (228)	165,278 (120,603)	601.01 (528.96)
Enforcement Only	12 (13)	5,653 (4,089)	471.06 (314.57)

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Type of Aid	Number of Cases	Total Fees and Disbursements	Average Cost Per Case
Variation: Access/Custody	346 (304)	\$ 200,978 (191,936)	\$ 580.86 (631.37)
Group Application	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)	Nil (Nil)
Disbursements Only	4 (6)	6,537 (26,875)	1,634.19 (4,479.09)
Other Family	129 (178)	59,322 (83,011)	459.86 (466.36)
	5,794 (4,702)	\$ 3,382,328 (2,694,244)	\$ 583.76 (573.00)

Note: As of March 31, 2003 there were approximately 12,840 cases yet to be completed and paid compared to 12,140 in the previous year.

Legal Aid Fees and Disbursements by Area
(Private Bar Only)
For the Year Ended March 31, 2003
(with the 2002 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

	Total Fees and Disbursements	Completed Cases	Average Cost Per Case
CRIMINAL ADULT			
Brandon	261,796 (171,250)	411 (397)	636.97 (431.36)
Dauphin	157,446 (130,151)	327 (244)	481.49 (533.41)
The Pas & Thompson	407,940 (302,304)	895 (693)	455.80 (436.23)
Winnipeg	3,704,116 (3,843,020)	5,052 (4,559)	733.20 (842.95)
CRIMINAL YOUTH			
Brandon	21,258 (19,317)	71 (60)	299.40 (321.95)
Dauphin	28,868 (19,246)	68 (46)	424.52 (418.40)
The Pas & Thompson	63,120 (49,468)	131 (124)	481.83 (398.94)
Winnipeg	520,157 (547,032)	1,183 (867)	439.69 (630.95)
CIVIL			
Brandon	181,355 (182,033)	346 (372)	524.15 (489.34)
Dauphin	120,134 (81,741)	191 (176)	628.98 (464.44)
The Pas & Thompson	188,838 (169,205)	367 (351)	514.55 (482.07)
Winnipeg	2,892,000 (2,261,265)	4,890 (3,803)	591.41 (594.60)
	\$ 8,547,028 (7,776,032)	13,932 (11,692)	\$ 613.48 (665.07)

NOTE: *Reconciliation to private bar fees and disbursements disclosed on the financial statements:*

<i>Fees and disbursements per private bar system as above</i>	\$ 8,547,028
<i>Add: Accruals</i>	(519,730)
<i>Less: Repayment of Holdback</i>	nil
<i>Fees and disbursements on an accrual basis as per the financial statements</i>	\$ 8,027,298

Duty Counsel Fees and Disbursements
(Private Bar Only)
For the Year Ended March 31, 2003
(with the 2002 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

	Total Fees and Disbursements	Persons Assisted	Average Cost Per Case
Brandon	1,356 (1,712)	60 (23)	22.60 (74.42)
Dauphin	1,136 (1,023)	15 (15)	75.71 (68.21)
The Pas & Thompson	62,174 (27,278)	977 (909)	63.64 (30.01)
Winnipeg	96,457 (32,726)	2,349 (783)	41.06 (41.80)
	\$ 161,122 (62,739)	3,401 (1,730)	\$ 47.38 (36.27)

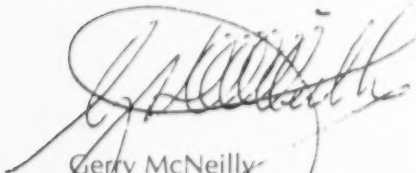
NOTE: The financial statements show total duty counsel disbursements of \$157,778. That figure includes disbursements of \$15,365 for Age and Opportunity, \$48,597 for on-call duty counsel, \$5,556 for communication and travel costs recorded in the fiscal year. Legal Aid finalized a number of contracts with the private bar this fiscal year. Adjustments related to these contracts amounted to a credit to duty counsel disbursements of \$72,862.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The accompanying financial statements of The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba are the responsibility of management and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies stated in Note 2 to the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2003.

As management is responsible for the integrity of the financial statements, management has established systems of internal control to provide reasonable assurance that assets are properly accounted for and safeguarded from loss.

The responsibility of the Auditor General is to express an independent professional opinion on whether the financial statements are fairly presented in accordance with the accounting policies stated in the financial statements. The Auditor's Report outlines the scope of the audit examination and provides the audit opinion.



Gerry McNeilly
Executive Director
The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba

August 1, 2003



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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba
To the Board of Directors of The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba

We have audited the balance sheet of The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba as at March 31, 2003 and the statements of revenue and expenditure, changes in net assets and cash flow for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba as at March 31, 2003 and the results of its operations and its cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies stated in note 2 to the financial statements.

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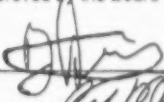
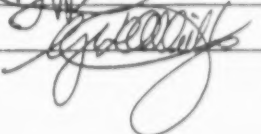
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THE LEGAL AID SERVICES SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

Balance Sheet
as at March 31

	2003	2002
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank	\$ 93,167	\$ 181,721
Client accounts receivable, net (Note 3)	235,187	216,989
Receivable from the Province of Manitoba	330,480	80,000
Receivable from the Gov't of Canada	224,100	68,965
Receivable from the Manitoba Law Foundation	-	48,750
Other receivables, net (Note 4)	226,665	89,884
Prepaid expense	340,223	461,947
	<u>1,449,822</u>	<u>1,148,256</u>
Capital Assets, Net (Note 5)	146,841	88,510
Long-term receivable - charges on land (Note 6)	795,969	846,844
Long-term receivable - severance - Province of Manitoba (Note 7)	716,166	716,166
Long-term receivable - pension - Province of Manitoba (Note 14)	9,267,882	8,121,522
	<u>\$ 12,376,680</u>	<u>\$ 10,921,298</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 813,855	\$ 1,084,413
Accrued vacation pay	787,508	758,117
Deferred revenue from clients	385,929	375,770
Deferred contribution from Province of Manitoba (Note 8)	30,000	30,000
	<u>2,017,292</u>	<u>2,248,300</u>
Severance liability (Note 7)	1,091,506	1,001,117
Provision for employee pension benefits (note 14)	9,267,882	8,121,522
Net Assets	-	(449,641)
	<u>\$ 12,376,680</u>	<u>\$ 10,921,298</u>

Approved by the Board


 _____ Chairperson

 _____ Director

THE LEGAL AID SERVICES SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure
for the year ended March 31

	2003	2002
Revenue		
Province of Manitoba (Note 9)	\$ 17,581,658	\$ 15,445,958
Manitoba Law Foundation (Note 10)	1,217,629	2,088,908
Contributions from clients	840,800	938,693
Recoveries from third parties	848,837	651,630
Government of Canada	225,954	85,732
Judgment costs and settlements	117,712	117,987
Interest income	10,659	16,008
Other	2,397	3,178
	<u>\$ 20,845,646</u>	<u>\$ 19,348,094</u>
Expenditure		
Private bar fees and disbursements, net (Note 13)		
Legal aid certificates	\$ 8,027,298	\$ 8,078,804
Duty counsel services	157,778	133,964
Transcripts and Other Contributed Services	<u>68,384</u>	<u>82,326</u>
	8,253,460	8,295,094
Community Law Centres, Schedule 1	7,332,816	6,982,178
Public Interest Law Centre, Schedule 1	718,085	523,732
University Law Centre, Schedule 1	79,062	69,951
General and administrative, Schedule 1	<u>4,012,582</u>	<u>3,663,383</u>
	<u>\$ 20,396,005</u>	<u>\$ 19,534,338</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of revenue over expenditure	<u>\$ 449,641</u>	<u>\$ (186,244)</u>

THE LEGAL AID SERVICES SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

Statement of Cash Flow for the year ended March 31

	2003	2002
Cash Flow Provided by (Used In) Operating Activities:		
Excess (Deficiency) of revenue over expenditure for the year	\$ 449,641	\$ (186,244)
Add items not affecting cash		
Amortization	22,270	8,216
Bad Debt Expense	105,913	152,913
Changes in working capital:		
Client accounts receivable	(124,111)	(197,246)
Province of Manitoba receivable	(250,480)	(3,000)
Gov't of Canada receivable	(155,135)	(68,965)
Manitoba Law Foundation receivable	48,750	(48,750)
Other receivables	(136,781)	(6,479)
Prepaid expense	121,724	(184,996)
Accounts payable and accrued vacation pay	(241,167)	270,739
Deferred revenue	10,159	23,555
	<u>(149,217)</u>	<u>(240,257)</u>
Cash Flow Used In Financing Activities:		
Increase (decrease) - charges on land	50,875	(33,013)
Increase - long-term funding commitments	(1,146,360)	(866,737)
Increase - severance	90,389	105,614
Increase - pension	<u>1,146,360</u>	<u>866,737</u>
	<u>141,264</u>	<u>72,601</u>
Cash Flow Provided by (Used In) Investing Activities:		
Purchase of capital assets	<u>(80,601)</u>	<u>(85,021)</u>
	<u>(80,601)</u>	<u>(85,021)</u>
Net Decrease in Cash for the Year	(88,554)	(252,677)
Cash - Beginning of Year	181,721	434,398
Cash - End of Year	<u>\$ 93,167</u>	<u>\$ 181,721</u>

THE LEGAL AID SERVICES SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

Schedule of Expenditures For the Year Ended March 31

	COMMUNITY LAW CENTRES		PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTRE		UNIVERSITY LAW CENTRE		GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE		TOTAL	
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,549	\$ 18,222	\$ 18,549	\$ 18,222
Amortization	7,597	3,122	2,020	1,048	-	-	12,654	4,048	22,270	8,218
Bad debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	105,913	152,913	105,913	152,913
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,280	2,148	2,280	2,148
Board expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	39,483	27,200	39,483	27,200
Correction costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,342	15,904	18,342	15,904
Computer costs	23,683	13,451	-	895	-	-	58,026	44,137	82,009	58,283
Duty counsel	163,359	109,025	-	-	175	183	2,213	1,850	166,747	111,058
Equipment maintenance	75,100	68,967	6,804	3,781	-	-	29,792	29,714	111,697	102,462
Expert witnesses & consultants	-	-	169,162	-	-	-	-	-	169,162	-
Fine disbursements	223,378	217,882	103,585	128,944	549	517	10,492	10,878	337,984	358,421
Library	44,639	48,592	8,209	8,621	315	315	25,821	29,441	79,984	86,969
Meetings	9,367	5,234	552	71	-	-	30,671	19,471	37,790	24,776
Office expenses	159,636	148,482	11,720	11,717	1,857	2,499	110,523	105,033	283,836	267,731
Office relocation	3,957	22,770	-	-	-	-	1,142	-	5,099	22,770
Pension costs (note 14)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,218,034	966,587	1,218,034	966,587
Premise costs	421,824	372,919	18,270	18,731	17	4	118,158	119,144	558,281	510,796
Professional fees	141,259	99,653	8,992	7,879	2,125	2,725	132,303	100,984	284,678	211,161
Salaries, benefits and levy	5,790,227	5,523,480	351,332	328,674	70,919	60,531	1,817,038	1,749,933	8,118,808	7,660,918
Severance Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	90,380	105,814	90,380	105,814
Staff development	34,310	36,468	2,418	3,231	-	-	9,064	57,365	45,792	97,084
Staff recruitment	11,878	12,500	100	-	-	-	120	2,560	11,898	15,050
Telephone	99,773	104,585	6,755	6,399	1,590	1,597	46,936	88,724	157,527	201,305
Transcripts and Other Contributed Services	80,560	70,433	-	-	-	-	-	-	80,560	70,433
Travel	75,168	126,360	7,186	5,641	2,354	1,580	12,423	11,515	87,132	145,101
TOTAL	\$ 7,332,616	\$ 6,892,178	\$ 119,585	\$ 93,732	\$ 79,504	\$ 69,951	\$ 4,057,587	\$ 3,883,365	\$ 12,142,545	\$ 11,239,244

THE LEGAL AID SERVICES SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

Statement of Changes in Net Assets For the year ended March 31

	2003			2002
	Invested in Capital Assets	Unrestricted Net Assets	Total	Total
Balance, Beginning of Year as previously stated	\$ 88,510	\$ (538,151)	\$ (449,641)	\$ (275,102)
Restatement of Prior Year	-	-	-	11,705
Balance, Beginning of Year as restated	88,510	(538,151)	(449,641)	(263,397)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditures	(22,270)	471,911	449,641	(186,244)
Capital Asset Additions	80,601	(80,601)	-	-
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 146,841	\$ (146,841)	\$ -	\$ (449,641)

THE LEGAL AID SERVICES SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

Notes to Financial Statements
for the year ended March 31, 2003

1. Nature of the Society

The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba (the Society) was established by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba.

The objects of the Society, as set out in the Act, are:

- to provide legal advice and services to individuals, groups and organizations who, left to their own means, could not afford to retain the service of a lawyer.
- to furnish legal aid advice to groups and organizations involving matters of an interest common to members of the group and relating to issues of public interest such as, but not restricted to, consumer and environmental issues.

The Society is economically dependent upon the Province of Manitoba. Other revenue sources include the Manitoba Law Foundation, individual clients, and third party agencies.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

a) Accounting Basis

The financial statements are prepared on an accrual basis of accounting except for Private bar fees and disbursements which are recognized as expenditures based on lawyers' billings dates rather than the dates of providing required services.

b) Recognition of Contributions from Clients

Clients may be required to pay a portion or all of the legal costs incurred on their behalf by the Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba based on the clients' ability to pay.

i) Agreements to Pay

Clients who are able to pay, sign an agreement to pay for their portion of the applicable legal costs. The amount the client is required to pay is specified on the legal aid certificate. The revenue and receivable are recognized when the certificate is signed.

ii) Expanded Eligibility

Under terms of expanded eligibility, clients are required to pay all of the legal costs and an administration fee of 25%. The revenue and receivable are recognized based on the date of the lawyer's billing.

iii) Charges on Land

Charges on Land are registered under Section 17 of the Legal Aid Services Society Act in Land Titles on property owned by clients. The revenue and receivable are recognized at the later of the date the lien is filed or the date of the lawyer's billing. Collection of these accounts in the future is dependent on the client disposing of the property or arranging for payment.

c) Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

An allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded against receivables based on a specific review of accounts.

d) Capital Assets

Capital Assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is proved on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset as follows:

- Furniture and office equipment - 10 years
- Computer Hardware and Software - 4 years
- Leasehold Improvements - over the term of the lease

e) Contributed Services

Under an arrangement between the Society and the Department of Justice, the Department provides transcripts and other services to the Society at no cost. The value of these contributed services is recorded as revenue and as an expenditure.

f) Measurement Uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingencies at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

g) Pension Plan

Employees of the Society are pensionable under the Civil Service Superannuation Act. The Society accrues a provision for the liability for the employer's share of employee pension benefits, including future cost of living adjustments, based on an actuarial valuation.

h) Financial Instruments

Legal Aid Services Society's financial instruments consist of cash, short-term investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued liabilities. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Society is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximates their carrying values.

3. Client Accounts Receivable, net

	2003	2002
Agreements to Pay	\$ 73,617	\$ 66,266
Expanded Eligibility	432,763	412,364
	506,380	478,630
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	271,193	261,641
Clients Accounts Receivable, net	\$ 235,187	\$ 216,989

4. Other Receivables, net

	2003	2002
Court Costs	\$ 162,581	\$ 172,681
Child and Family Services	5,190	5,705
Social Services	41,251	68,465
Employee Advances, GST Recoverable and Miscellaneous	176,068	11,051
	385,090	257,902
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	158,425	168,018
Other Receivables, net	\$ 226,665	\$ 89,884

5. Capital Assets

	2003		2002	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Cost	Accumulated Amortization
Furniture and office equipment	\$ 44,197	\$ 5,661	\$ 32,212	\$ 1,841
Computer Hardware & Software	29,961	10,624	23,493	3,942
Leasehold Improvements	71,813	15,365	42,185	3,597
Work-in-progress	\$ 32,520	-	-	-
	\$ 178,491	\$ 31,650	\$ 97,890	\$ 9,380
Net Book Value		\$ 146,841		\$ 88,510

6. Charges on land

	2003	2002
Charges on Land	\$ 1,591,938	\$ 1,693,688
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	795,969	846,844
Charges on Land, net	\$ 795,969	\$ 846,844

7. Severance pay benefits

Effective April 1, 1998, Legal Aid is recording accumulated severance pay benefits for their employees. Severance pay is determined by multiplying years of service, to a maximum of fifteen years, by the weekly salary at date of retirement, provided the employee reaches nine years of service and retires from Legal Aid. The estimate is based upon the method of calculation set by the Province of Manitoba.

The Province accepted responsibility for the severance benefits accumulated by Legal Aid employees to March 31, 1998. Accordingly, the opening severance pay liability balance as at April 1, 1998 of \$716,166 was completely offset by a receivable from the Province. There are no terms of repayment for the receivable, and the amount will remain fixed at \$716,166.

8. Deferred Contribution from the Province of Manitoba

At March 31, 2003, Legal Aid was holding \$30,000 in deferred contributions from the Province of Manitoba pertaining to this special trial. The main trial was completed in 2001, however final assessment of costs related to proceedings are still outstanding.

9. Revenue from the Province of Manitoba

	2003	2002
Grant	\$ 9,862,653	\$ 8,023,200
Salaries and other payments	6,948,481	6,662,042
Health and post secondary education tax levy	148,872	144,579
Employer portion of employee benefits	492,708	463,379
Contributed Services	128,944	152,759
	\$ 17,581,658	\$ 15,445,958

Funding from the Province of Manitoba includes the Society's share of provisions recorded for unfunded pension liabilities. The Province of Manitoba agreed to fund the Society's accumulated deficit as at March 31, 2003. As a result, the Society recorded revenue and an offsetting receivable from the Province of Manitoba of \$330,480.

10. Revenue from the Manitoba Law Foundation

	2003	2002
Statutory Grant	\$ 1,007,629	\$ 1,893,908
Public Interest Law Centre	150,000	150,000
University Law Centre	60,000	45,000
	\$ 1,217,629	\$ 2,088,908

A statutory grant, pursuant to subsection 65(1) of The Law Society Act, is received annually from The Manitoba Law Foundation. The Society's share under the Act is 50% of the total interest on lawyers' trust accounts as received by the Foundation or a minimum of \$1,007,629, whichever is greater. In the event that interest received by the Foundation in the preceding year, after deduction of the Foundation's operational expenses, is not sufficient to pay the statutory minimum of \$1,007,629 to The Legal Aid Services Society, the Act provides for pro-rata sharing of the net interest.

Other grants from The Manitoba Law Foundation are received pursuant to subsection 65(4) of The Law Society Act. These grants are restricted for the Public Interest Law Centre and the University Law Centre. At March 31, 2003, there were no unrestricted funds remaining from these grants.

11. Commitments

i) Lease

The Society rents facilities under operating leases. Unpaid remaining commitments under the leases, which expire at varying dates to March 31, 2008 are:

2004	\$ 457,484
2005	\$ 457,484
2006	\$ 457,484
2007	\$ 322,511
2008	\$ 178,813
	<u>\$ 1,883,776</u>

ii) Private Bar

Estimated total commitments for future billings on outstanding legal aid certificates amount to \$7,007,000 as at March 31, 2003 (2002 - \$6,707,000).

12. Related Parties Transactions

The Society is related in terms of common ownership to all Province of Manitoba created departments, agencies and crown corporations. The Society enters into transactions with these entities in the normal course of business.

13. Private Bar Fees and Disbursements, net

	Fees	Disbursements	2003 Total	2002 Total
Legal Aid Certificates	\$7,465,955	\$785,074	\$8,251,029	\$8,065,170
Reduction in fees	(223,731)	-	(223,731)	(52,310)
Holdback Repayment	-	-	-	65,944
	<u>7,242,224</u>	<u>785,074</u>	<u>8,027,298</u>	<u>8,078,804</u>
Duty Counsel	160,125	-	160,125	133,921
Reduction in fees	(2,347)	-	(2,347)	(720)
Holdback Repayment	-	-	-	763
	<u>157,778</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,778</u>	<u>133,964</u>
Transcripts and Other Contributed Services	-	68,384	68,384	82,326
Net	<u>\$7,400,002</u>	<u>\$853,458</u>	<u>\$8,253,460</u>	<u>\$8,295,094</u>

Since 1992 the private bar fees have been reduced by a percentage determined by the Board. The specific reduction applied to the private bar fees is the reduction in fees approved by the Board relating to the year in which the legal aid file was opened. For March 31, 2003 the percentage reduction in fees approved by the Board was set at 4% for criminal matters only. There is no liability for the reduction of fees held back beyond the distribution approved by the Board each year.

14. Provision for Employee Pension Benefits

Pension costs consist of the employer's share of pension benefits paid to retired employees, as well as the increase in the unfunded pension liability during the fiscal year. This liability is determined by an actuarial valuation every three years with the balances for the intervening years being determined by formula provided by the actuary. The most recent valuation was completed as at December 31, 2001 by Element & Element Ltd., Consulting Actuaries.

	2003	2002
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 8,121,522	\$ 7,254,785
Experience Gain (Loss)	191,581	-
Benefits accrued	412,041	414,865
Interest accrued on benefits	614,411	551,823
Benefits paid	(71,673)	(99,951)
Balance at end of year	<u>\$ 9,267,882</u>	<u>\$ 8,121,522</u>

The key actuarial assumptions were a rate of return of 6.75% (1998 - 7.0%), 2.75% inflation (1998 - 3.0%), salary rate increases of 4.5% (1998 - 4.5%) and post retirement indexing at 2/3 of the inflation rate. The entry age normal actuarial cost method was used and the liabilities have been extrapolated to March 31, 2003 using a formula provided by the actuary.

The Province of Manitoba has accepted responsibility for the unfunded pension liability. Accordingly the provision for employee pension benefits is offset by a receivable from the Province of Manitoba. There are no terms of repayment for this receivable.

15. Public Sector Compensation Disclosure

For the purposes of the Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act, all compensation for employees, Board members and the private bar fees and disbursements from The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba is disclosed in a separate statement.

16. Comparative Figures

Certain 2002 financial statement figures have been reclassified to be consistent with the 2003 presentation.



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AUDITORS' REPORT
Supplementary Financial Information Prepared in Accordance
with The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act

To the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, and
To the Board of Directors of The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba

We have audited the Statement of Compensation Paid to Board Members and Employees and the Statement of Private Bar Fees and Disbursements in Excess of \$50,000 for The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba for the year ended March 31, 2003 prepared in accordance with Sections 2 and 4 of The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act. This financial information is the responsibility of the management of The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial information based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial information is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial information. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial information.

In our opinion, these statements present fairly, in all material respects, the compensation payments to board members and employees, and payments to persons providing legal aid services for the year ended March 31, 2003 by The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba in accordance with the provisions of The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act.

Office of the Auditor General

Office of the Auditor General

Winnipeg, Manitoba
August 1, 2003

The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba
Statement of Private Bar Fees and Disbursements in Excess of \$50,000
For the Year Ended March 31, 2003
(Prepared in accordance with Section 4 of the Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act)

Name of Firm	Amount
PHILLIPS, AIELLO	1,165,182.67
BRODSKY & COMPANY	640,156.12
CASSIDY RAMSAY	629,099.72
GINDIN, WOLSON, SIMMONDS	575,301.17
PINX ROITENBERG CAMPBELL	311,825.42
PAM SMITH & COMPANY	311,851.12
HUNT, MILLER & COMBS	272,095.80
ARCHER PHILLIPS LAW OFFICE	204,287.72
SAHEEL ZAMAN LAW OFFICE	172,471.49
JOYCEY, VANDONGEN	132,768.41
KOHAYKEWYCH & ASSOC.	115,789.90
SKINNER LAW OFFICE	113,406.30
KUCHER & NICHOLS	103,977.84
SANDIP SETT	99,019.33
ROBERTSON SHYP IT SOBLE	92,075.12
EDMOND & ASSOCIATES	91,567.45
BILL ARMSTRONG	88,028.32
DAWSON LAW OFFICE	84,534.26
MYERS WEINBERG KUSSIN	80,857.75
JOHN DOVENER WHITE	81,637.47
KILLEEN CHAPMAN	74,708.60
JONES & ASSOCIATES	76,934.86
POOLE LAW OFFICE	74,796.85
STANLEY S. NOZICK	73,090.20
MCDONALD THOMPSON	69,938.84
JAMES A. COX	67,603.12
MCROBERTS LAW OFFICES	65,553.15
REGAN THATCHER LAW OFFICE	62,004.66
CHAPMAN, GODDARD, KAGAN	60,931.41
BOOTH DENNEHY	54,362.32
SIMS & COMPANY	60,178.15
LYNDA L. GRIMES	59,294.74
EDWARD G. RICE	57,527.11
GISELE CHAMPAGNE	51,944.85
Z. IAN GARBER	57,246.28
STEVENSON LAW OFFICE	53,887.28

The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba
Statement of Compensation Paid to Board Members and Employees
For the year Ended March 31,2003
(Prepared in accordance with Section 2 of the Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act)

Paid to Board Members:
In aggregate \$18,221.00

Paid to employees in excess of \$50,000:

Name	Position	Amount
McNeilly, G.K.	Executive Director	\$105,735.94
McDonald, T.	Supervising Attorney	99,292.93
Clifford, G.	Director of Operations	98,594.87
Klassen, R.G.	Deputy Director	97,963.58
Dunn, W.	Legal Director	97,833.54
Merrett, W.	Area Director	97,833.54
Tailleur, L.J.	Supervising Attorney	97,486.16
Malcolm, W.L.	Director of Policy & Planning	96,797.69
Sherman, C.D.	Supervising Attorney	96,476.34
Koturbash, T.M.	Supervising Attorney	95,664.26
Sandhu, F.H.	Supervising Attorney	95,620.13
Giesbrecht, L.B.	Supervising Attorney	95,298.78
Paluk, M.D.	Supervising Attorney	95,298.78
Birks, C.G.	Staff Attorney	89,831.65
MacAulay, G.G.	Staff Attorney	89,393.59
Pitts, H.	Staff Attorney	85,824.79
Peters, H.C.	Staff Attorney	83,904.29
Cadloff, K.A.	Staff Attorney	83,582.94
Grafton, R.N.	Staff Attorney	83,582.94
Hawrysh, G.B.	Staff Attorney	82,726.73
Bates, G.D.	Staff Attorney	82,405.38
Brecht, R.B.	Staff Attorney	82,405.38
Chartrand, L.R.	Staff Attorney	82,405.38
Dzydz, D.	Staff Attorney	82,405.38
Hart, M. E.	Staff Attorney	82,405.38
Heinrichs, R.M.	Staff Attorney	82,405.38
Hwozdulych, B.A.	Staff Attorney	82,405.38
Krause, R.	Staff Attorney	82,405.38
Walker, M.	Staff Attorney	82,405.38
Pauls, C.	Staff Attorney	81,785.48
Williams, J.B.	Staff Attorney	79,906.31
Sansregret, A.	Staff Attorney	79,677.82
Glowacki, L.J.	Staff Attorney	79,496.71
Peltz, A.	Director-PILC	77,218.59
Libman, A.M.	Staff Attorney	74,318.60
Connor, M.	Staff Attorney	73,085.51
Kingsley, P.	Staff Attorney	71,498.35
Stewart, W.A.	Staff Attorney	70,020.79
Ramsay, J.	MIS Director	69,250.48
Dwarka, R.	Director-Administration	66,859.94
Johnston, S.	Staff Attorney	66,232.08
Barclay, J.A.	Staff Attorney	65,911.62
Robinson, G.B.	Staff Attorney	65,868.74
Van Schie, S.	Staff Attorney	64,517.42
Balneaves, S.	Information Services Officer	64,268.64
Allen, H.L.	Supervising Attorney	62,706.55
Paler, S.	Staff Attorney	62,386.56
Raposa, S.	Staff Attorney	57,292.86